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THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN-
SON AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF APRIL 22, 1976.

QUOTE

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON

APRIL 22, 1976

MR. MINISTER,

I

TODAY I WANT TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION ON THE PROVISIONS
OF THE NEW AGREEMENT REQUIRED TO ASSURE ADEQUATE VERIFICATION
OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE MIRV LIMITATION. I BELIEVE OUR PREVIOUS
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EXCHANGES ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE BEEN HELPFUL, AND IT IS IN THIS

SPIRIT THAT I MAKE MY REMARKS TODAY.

II

OUR ANALYSIS OF THE SOVIET STATEMENT OF APRIL 14 INDICATES THAT THE SIDES ARE IN AGREEMENT CONCERNING WHEN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED MIRV LAUNCHERS, PERMITTED UNDER THE AGREEMENT, WILL BECOME SUBJECT TO THE 1320 MIRV AGGREGATE LIMITATION. THE SIDES APPEAR TO AGREE THAT PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF ARTICLE VI ADEQUATELY COVER THIS MATTER. IN ADDITION, IT IS THE US VIEW THAT THESE PARAGRAPHS PROVIDE THE NECESSARY GUIDANCE TO THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION FOR ITS USE IN DEVELOPING SUCH PROCEDURES AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

THE SIDES ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT CERTAIN ARMS INCLUDED IN THE 2400 AGGREGATE LIMITATION BUT NOT SUBJECT TO THE 1320 MIRV AGGREGATE LIMITATION MAY BECOME SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION. BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REACH COMMON MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING REGARDING WHEN SUCH ARMS WOULD BECOME SUBJECT TO THE MIRV AGGREGATE LIMITATION. THE US BELIEVES THAT SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, I PROPOSE THAT OUR TWO DELEGATIONS MOVE AHEAD AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE TO EXPLORE THE DETAILED ASPECTS OF THIS QUESTION AS VIEWED BY EACH SIDE. WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE XVII, THE US SIDE AGREES WITH THE SOVIET DELEGATION THAT THAT PARAGRAPH SHOULD INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATE REFERENCE TO PROCEDURES FOR REPLACEMENT AND CONVERSION TO BE AGREED UPON IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION.

MR. MINISTER, THE SOVIET STATEMENT OF APRIL 14 NOTED THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT ARMS SUBJECT TO SUCH LIMITATION. THE STATEMENT ALSO NOTED THAT IN SUCH A SITUATION THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE VI WOULD APPLY. THE US UNDERSTANDS THE SOVIET STATEMENT TO MEAN THAT ONCE A PARTICULAR ARM IS SUBJECT TO THE 1320 MIRV AGGREGATE LIMITATION, IT SHALL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION UNTIL IS IS DISMANTLED, IS DESTROYED, OR THERWISE CEASES TO BE SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION UNDER PROCEDURES AGREED UPON IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION. THE US DELEGATION

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SHARES THIS VIEW. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE BELIEVE THAT PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE VI IS SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR TO PERMIT APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES TO BE AGREED UPON IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THIS ASPECT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT.

III

MR. MINISTER, IN YOUR STATEMENT OF APRIL 14 YOU NOTED THAT

THE SOVIET SIDE PROCEEDS FROM THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE US PROPOSAL FOR PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE V AND THE PROTOCOL OF MARCH 5, 1975, ARE TO BE DELETED FROM THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT. I WISH TO REMIND THE SOVIET SIDE THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE US PROPOSAL PRESENTED ON MARCH 10 AND 23, INCLUDING WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW CERTAIN PROVISIONS, IS AN INTEGRAL WHOLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO THOSE ITEMS TO WHICH YOU HAVE ADDRESSED YOURSELF THUS FAR, THE US PROPOSAL INCLUDES A DEFINITION OF AN ICBM, SLBM, OR ASBM EQUIPPED WITH A MIRV SYSTEM (CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF ARTICLE II); A FORMULATION FOR PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE V PROPOSING THE LANGUAGE "LAUNCHERS OF ICBMS AND SLBMS EQUIPPED WITH MIRV SYSTEMS," TOGETHER WITH AN AGREED STATEMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS LANGUAGE INCLUDED A LAUNCHER IF A LAUNCHER OF THAT TYPE HAD CONTAINED OR LAUNCHED A MISSILE EQUIPPED WITH A MIRV SYSTEM. THE FOURTH ELEMENT OF OUR PROPOSAL IS AN AGREED STATEMENT SPECIFYING WHICH TYPES OF CURRENTLY DEPLOYED ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS WOULD AND WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MIRV LIMITATION. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON THESE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE US PROPOSAL.

UNQUOTE JOHNSON

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